



ASPIRATIONS, POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

THE 4TH WORLD BANK GROUP CONFERENCE ON EQUITY

MAY 29-30, 2014 | MC 2-800

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DAY 1 – MAY 29

8:45am-9:15am *Breakfast*

9:15am-9:30am **OPENING REMARKS**

Ana Revenga, Acting Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank Group

9:30am-10:30am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Uneven Growth, Aspirations and Conflict**

Debraj Ray, Silver Professor & Professor of Economics, New York University

Chair: **Ana Revenga**, Acting Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank Group

10:30am-10:45am **REMARKS**

Kaushik Basu, Senior Vice-President & Chief Economist, Research Department, World Bank Group

10:45am-11:00am *Coffee Break*

11:00am-12:30pm **SESSION 1 – LOW ASPIRATIONS AND HUMAN AND FINANCIAL CAPITAL**

Aspirations, Poverty and Education: Evidence from India

Pieter Serneels, University of East Anglia

Sex-workers, Stigma and Self-Belief: Evidence from a Psychological Training Program in India

Anandi Mani, Warwick University

The Aspiration-Poverty Trap: Why do Students from Low Social Background Have Different Educational Preferences? Evidence from France

Elise Huillery, Sciences Po

Chair: **Karla Hoff**, Co-director WDR-2015, World Bank Group

12:30pm-2:00pm *Lunch*

2:00pm-3:00pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: STEREOTYPES, STIGMA AND THE PERSISTENCE OF GROUP INEQUALITY: THEORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Glenn Loury, Merton P. Stoltz Professor of the Social Sciences, Brown University

Chair: **Francisco Ferreira**, Chief Economist, Sub-Saharan Africa Region, World Bank Group

3:00pm-3:15pm *Coffee Break*

3:15pm-4:45pm **SESSION 2 – SOCIAL HIERARCHIES, IDENTITY, AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

[Making Up People: The Effect of Identity on Performance in a Modernizing Society](#)
Karla Hoff, World Bank Group

[Crossing Boundaries: How Social Hierarchy Impedes Economic Mobility? Evidence from Pakistan](#)

Ghazala Mansuri, World Bank Group

[Poverty and Aspirations Failure](#)
Patricio Dalton, Tilburg University

Chair: **Ambar Narayan**, Lead Economist, World Bank Group

DAY 2 – MAY 30

9:00am-9:30am *Breakfast*

9:30am-11:00am **SESSION 3 – INEQUALITY AND THE FORMATION OF ASPIRATIONS**

[Income Inequality, Social Mobility, and the Decision to Drop Out of High School](#)
Phillip Levine, Wellesley College

[Aspirations and Inequality](#)
Garance Genicot, Georgetown University

[Adjusting Your Dreams? The Effect of School and Peers on Dropout Behavior](#)
Marc Gurgand, Paris School of Economics

Chair: **Ghazala Mansuri**, Lead Economist, World Bank Group

11:00am-11:15am *Coffee Break*

11:15am-12:45pm **SESSION 4 – THE EVOLUTION OF ASPIRATIONS**

[Decisions with Endogenous Frames](#)
Sayantana Ghosal, University of Glasgow

[The Long-Term Impact of Social Skills Training at School Entry: A Randomized Controlled Trial](#)
Elizabeth Beasley, Sciences Po

[Socio-economic Background, Household Situation and Parental Educational Aspirations: Evidence from Young Lives](#)
Svenja Flechtner, University of Flensburg

Chair: **Varun Gauri**, Co-director WDR-2015, World Bank Group

More Information: <http://POVERTY>